

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

After the Title and before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION section, please insert the following new section heading:

STATEMENT OF RELATED APPLICATION

Followed by the following new paragraph:

[0001] This application is a division of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/021,419 entitled “Trench DMOS Device With Improved Drain Contact,” filed on October 30, 2001.